

PROPOSAL MEADE PALMER MEMORIAL

In July of last year, our community lost a dear friend and colleague, Meade Palmer. Even with our attention focused on world events since September 11th, Meade's presence in our community and daily lives is conspicuously absent. With his charismatic personality, persuasive manner and disarming sense of humor, Meade was a gentle giant among us.

During his career as a Landscape Architect, Meade established a national reputation and left a legacy, which has enhanced all of our lives and living environment. This legacy is particularly significant here in Warrenton and Fauquier County. Meade, who spent most of his 50-year plus career in Landscape Architecture in Warrenton, helped introduce planning to Fauquier County, was it's first Zoning Administrator and was the creator of many of Fauquier's best-known public and private outdoor places.

A small group of Meade's associates have been pondering the idea of how to best honor Meade and create a memorial to him. After considerable thought and discussion, the following ideas and proposal have been developed

Since Meade's life's work was in planning of the environment and creation of outdoor places for the use and enjoyment of others, we thought it appropriate that he be memorialized through the creation of just such a place. Preferably, this place would be in Warrenton, where he spent much of his time. It should reflect and express Meade's generosity and unselfish contributions to his community and be of the highest design quality worthy of Meade's name and reputation as a national figure in Landscape Architecture. To reflect Meade's legacy, it should incorporate his design philosophy and style and be 'of Meade'.

After consideration of several sites and potential projects, the group has focused on the creation of a small park/amphitheater on Culpeper Street, adjacent to the Warren Green building in Warrenton. This site, owned by Fauquier County (the lawn area) and the town of Warrenton (the sidewalk and street), is perhaps best recognized as the place where the Bluemont Concert Series summer performances take place.

Both Culpeper Street and the idea of an amphitheater in that location have past connections with Meade. Culpeper Street is the location of Meade's office, where he worked for so many years. Meade helped develop the idea of an amphitheater at this location while participating in a Partnership for Warrenton design charrette. As a reflection of Meade's generosity and contributions to our community, the project will be designed and built totally through volunteer contributions and will be given as a gift to everyone in the community to use and enjoy.

To achieve the highest level of professional design integrity and reflect Meade's design legacy, the project will be designed by a group of distinguished Landscape Architects and Architects who knew Meade and worked closely with him. Input into the design and the function of the space will be sought from Fauquier County, the Town of Warrenton, citizen groups and anyone having an interest in the project. It is anticipated that the conceptual design will be facilitated through another charrette, convened by the designers. Members of the design team would then prepare construction drawings and construction of the project would be facilitated with donated services, materials and money, and managed by a volunteer construction manager. Donations will be made to the Meade Palmer Memorial Foundation and administered as a special project fund of the Partnership for Warrenton. The Partnership for Warrenton is a 501C3 corporation, making donations tax deductible.

The following schedule is anticipated for completion of the project

Concept development/proposal	Fall 2001
Memorandum of understanding with County and Town	Winter 2001/2002
Public input session/design charrette	Spring 2002
Preparation of Construction Documents/Fundraising	Spring/Summer 2002
■ Construction	Fall 2003

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MEADE PALMER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
AND
FAUQUIER COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF WARRENTON

This is a memorandum of understanding between the Meade Palmer Memorial Committee, the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors and the Town of Warrenton Town Council. In recognition of the accomplishments and contributions of Meade Palmer, FASLA, Landscape Architect, the committee proposes to design and construct a memorial in honor of Meade in the form of a park/amphitheater to be located on Culpeper Street, adjacent to the Warren Green building, in Warrenton, Virginia.

The Committee will plan, design, prepare construction drawings, and manage construction of the project. The Committee will also raise all funds and secure donations to facilitate the project at no expense to the County or Town, except as may be needed for incidental involvement in and liaison with the project.

It is understood that in planning and designing the project, the Committee will seek input and requirements from the County, the Town of Warrenton, interested groups and citizens of the area. The County and Town will have a representative on the Committee, who will be the official liaison between the Committee and the respective governmental entities.

The project will be implemented in the following three phases:

Phase I
Schematic Design

Landscape Architects and Architects who knew and worked closely with Meade throughout his career will be invited to participate in a design charrette. The charrette will begin with a public input session and review of Meade's career accomplishments, design philosophy and how he would have approached this project. As a group, the designers will then work through a series of ideas and proposals, culminating in the Schematic Design. The Schematic Design will be submitted to the Warrenton Town Council and the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors for comment and approval. It will also be presented to the Town of Warrenton's Architectural Review Board for comment and approval, if necessary.

Phase II

Design and Construction Drawings

Based upon the Schematic Design, the Committee will facilitate the production of Design and Construction Drawings. As with any other construction project in the Town, these drawings will be submitted to the appropriate Town agencies for approval.

Phase III

Construction

The project will be constructed under the direction of a construction manager. Construction will be coordinated with the Town Engineer and other staff as appropriate.

It is understood and agreed that although the design must meet the County and Town's technical requirements, the aesthetic design integrity of this memorial must be of the highest professional quality to memorialize a figure of such high esteem in the profession of Landscape Architecture. To maintain this integrity and quality the designers will have the final say in aesthetic decisions, such as materials, layout, character, plantings, art or inscriptions (if any), plaques, credits or anything having to do with the appearance of the project. It is also understood that this is a memorial to Meade Palmer only.

APPROVED

Chairman, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors

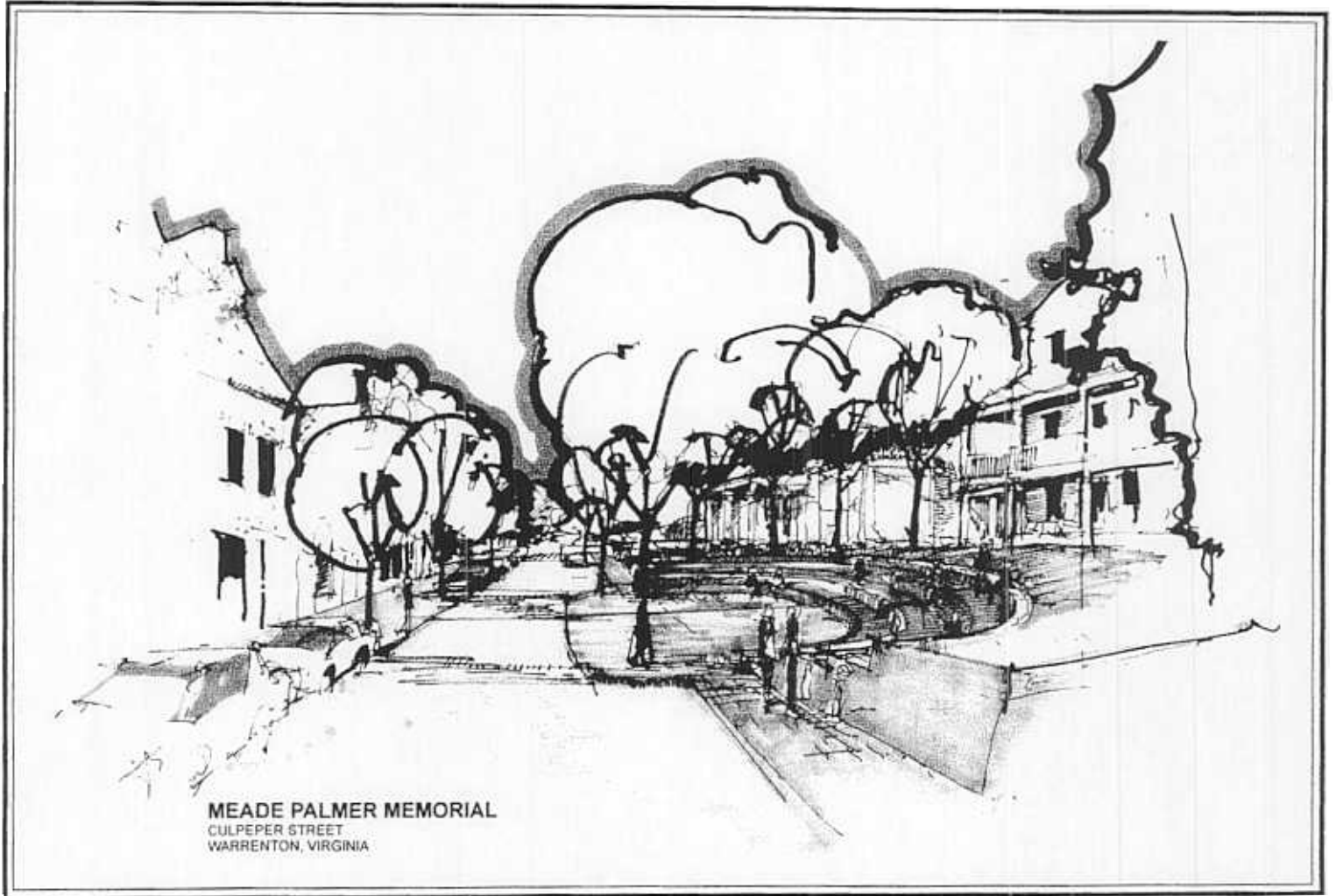
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Mayor, Town of Warrenton

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Chairman, Meade Palmer Memorial Committee

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